AMENDMENT TO MR. TAUZIN'S AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MS. DEGETTE AND MR. FOSSELLA

(Page & line nos. refer to Chairman's Mark of June 17, 2003)

Insert at the end of title VII (page 245, after line 36) the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 735. MEDICARE PANCREATIC ISLET CELL TRANS-PLANT DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

- (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to test the appropriate-3 4 ness of pancreatic islet cell transplantation, not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary 5 6 shall establish a demonstration project which the Secretary, 7 provides for payment under the medicare program under title 8 XVIII of the Social Security Act for pancreatic islet cell trans-9 plantation and related items and services in the case of medi-10 care beneficiaries who have type I (juvenile) diabetes and have end stage renal disease. 11
 - (b) DURATION OF PROJECT.—The authority of the Secretary to conduct the demonstration project under this section shall terminate on the date that is 5 years after the date of the establishment of the project.
 - (c) EVALUATION AND REPORT.—The Secretary shall conduct an evaluation of the outcomes of the demonstration project. Not later than 120 days after the date of the termination of the demonstration project under subsection (b), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the project, including recommendations for such legislative and administrative action as the Secretary deems appropriate.
 - (d) PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—The Secretary shall establish an appropriate payment methodology for the provision of items and services under the demonstration project, which may include a payment methodology that bundles, to the maximum extent feasible, payment for all such items and services.

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